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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISTANBUL 2948

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TAGS: SREF, TU, BU, ICEM (VULKOV, ROSEN NIKOLOV)

SUBJECT: FORCIBLE RETURN OF REFUGEE

REF: ANKARA 5916; ISTANBUL 2935 AND PREVIOUS

SUMMARY: DETAILS ON VULKOV'S CONDUCT IN  
ICMC REFUGEE RECEPTION CENTER,  
FURNISHED BY CENTER DIRECTOR, DO NOT SUPPORT  
CLAIM THAT VULKOV'S ACKNOWLEDGED  
PETTY MISCONDUCT AT CENTER  
RESULTED IN GOTPJS RETURNING  
HIM INVOLUNTARILY FOR SECOND TIME.  
INSTEAD, THEY SEEM TO INDICATE DECISION  
AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOT.  
END SUMMARY

1. ON MORNING OF AUGUST 3, ICMC  
ISTANBUL REPRESENTATIVE DUMICIC  
PROVIDED FOLLOWING DETAILS AND BACKGROUND ON SECOND  
INVOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OF VULKOV

2. ON MORNING OF AUGUST2, REFUGEE  
CENTER CASHIER REPORTED TO DUMICIC  
THAT VULKOV WAS NOT PRESENT  
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AT REFUGEE CENTER TO RECEIVE HIS

WEEKLY ALLOWANCE. CHECKING ON WHEREABOUTS WITH FIRST SECTION (POLITICAL) POLICE AGENT STATIONED PERMANENTLY AT CAMP TO OBSERVE REFUGEES' MOVEMENTS AND MAINTAIN ORDER, SHE LEARNED VULKOV HAD BEEN PICKED UP AT CAMP BY FIRST SECTION (POLITICAL) AGENTS SOMETIME BEFORE 9:00 AM

3. AT 1:00 PM, VULKOV APPEARED AT ICMC ISTANBUL OFFICE PALE, OUT OF BREATH, AND OBVIOUSLY FRIGHTENED. TOLD DUMICI HE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO FIRST SECTION HEADQUARTERS AND INFORMED HE WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO FOURTH SECTION FOR RETURN TO BULGARIA. AT FOURTH SECTION HEADQUARTERS, WHILE LEAVING POLICE CAR, HE ESCAPED ON FOOT, AND RAN TO ICMC OFFICE. HE ASKED DUMICIC FOR A PASSPORT AND MONEY TO ESCAPE TURKEY BY ANY MEANS, INCLUDING BY SHIP

4. DUMICIC COUNSELED HIM AGAINST RASH ACTIONS AND ADVISED HIM TO TURN HIMSELF INTO AUTHORITIES AT PROVINCE OF ISTANBUL HEADQUARTERS, WHERE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AUTHORITIES IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ICMC HAD PREVIOUSLY PROVED SYMPATHETIC TO HIS CASE. SHE ALSO CALLED HER VILAYET CONTACT (MINISTRY OF INTERIOR OFFICIAL SHOM SHE DID NOT WISH FURTHER TO IDENTIFY), WHO ADVISED HER TO HOLD VULKOV AT ICMC OFFICE WHILE HE CHECKED WITH HIS HEADQUARTERS AT ANKARA TO ASCERTAIN REASONS FOR POLICE ACTION

5. RETURNING TO ICMC OFFICE AT 2:45 PM, DUMICIC FOUND FIRST SECTION AGENTS THERE WHO SAID THEY HAD ORDERS FROM ANKARA TO CONFIDENTIAL

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RE-ARREST VULKOV AND AGAIN TURN HIM OVER TO FOURTH SECTION. AS SHE HAD NO MEANS TO PREVENT THEM, AGENTS DEPARTED WITH VULKOV.

6. SHORTLY BEFORE 4:00 PM, HER CONTACT AT VILAYET CONFIRMED BY TELEPHONE THAT ORDER FOR

ARREST AND RETURN HAD COME FROM  
ANKARA AND THAT NO ACTION TO COUNTERMAND  
COULD BE TAKEN LOCALLY. IT WAS AT  
THIS POINT THAT DUMICIC NOTIFIED CONGEN

7. FOR ANKARA: DUMICIC HAS HEARD  
VAGUE AND UNCONFIRMED REPORT  
THAT ON  
OR ABOUT JULY 30, MINISTRY  
OF INTERIOR ISSUED DECREE THAT ALL  
REFUGEES UNDER AGE OF 18 WERE  
TO BE TURNED BACK TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.  
ALTHOUGH IT IS UNLIKELY  
THAT EVEN IF IT EXISTS SUCH ORDER  
WOULD HAVE BEEN APPLIED AGAINST VULKOV  
SO QUICKLY, EMBASSY MAY WISH  
TO INVESTIGATE. BATJER

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